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**Kunio SHIMIZU et al.** ) Group Art Unit: 1772  
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Application No.: 09/900,961 ) Examiner: Sow Fun Hon  
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Filed: July 10, 2001 )  
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

In reply to the Final Office Action dated August 26, 2003, and in view of the Advisory Action dated December 23, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in light of the following Amendment and Reply, concurrently filed with a Request for Continued Examination. The period for reply has been extended to January 26, 2004, by the accompanying two-month Petition for Extension of Time and corresponding fee payment.

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